CRACK

SYLVIA'S STONE!

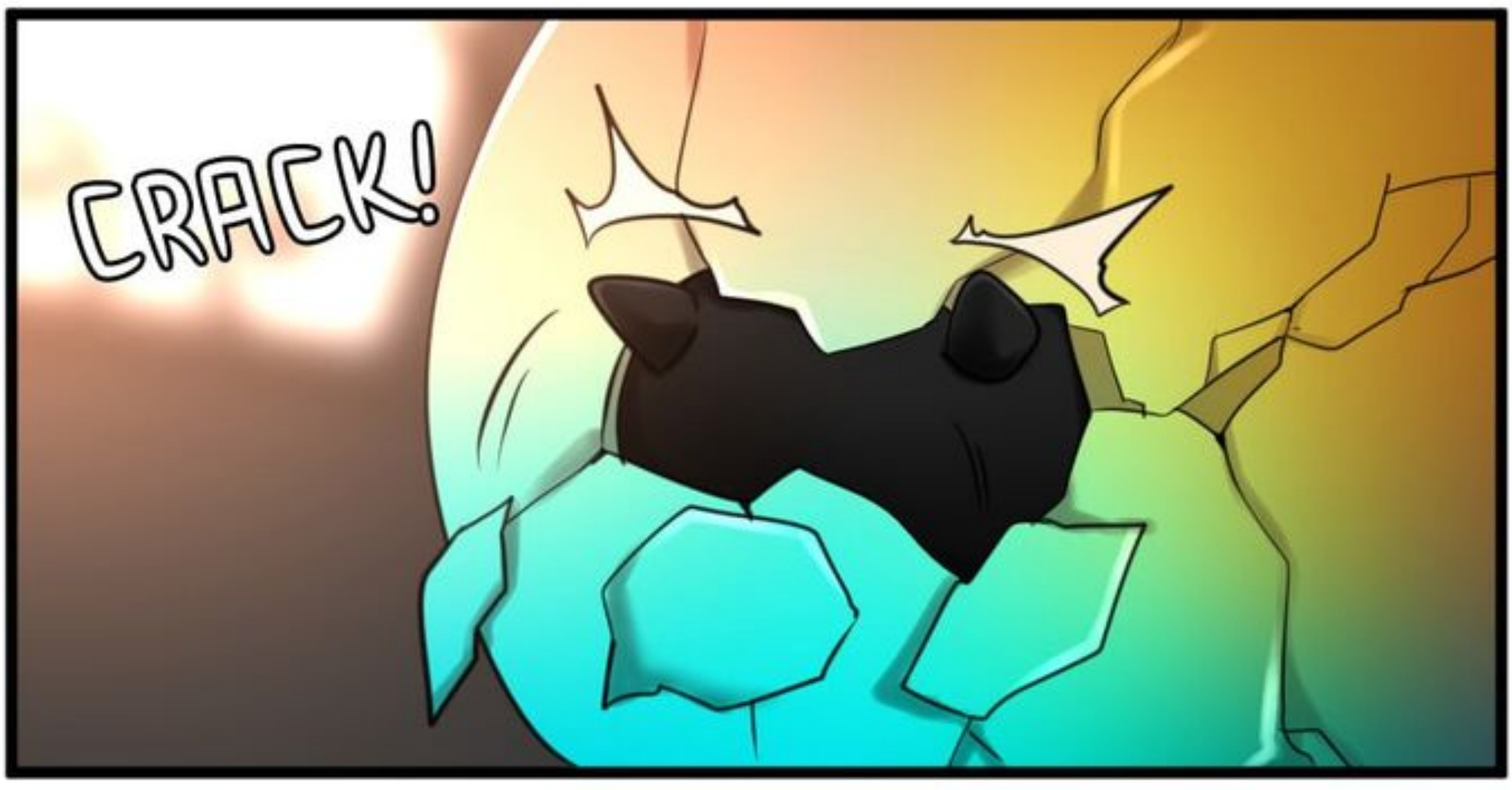
DID IT BREAK?

CRACK

SYLVIA'S

S-STONE...

WAS AN... EGG?!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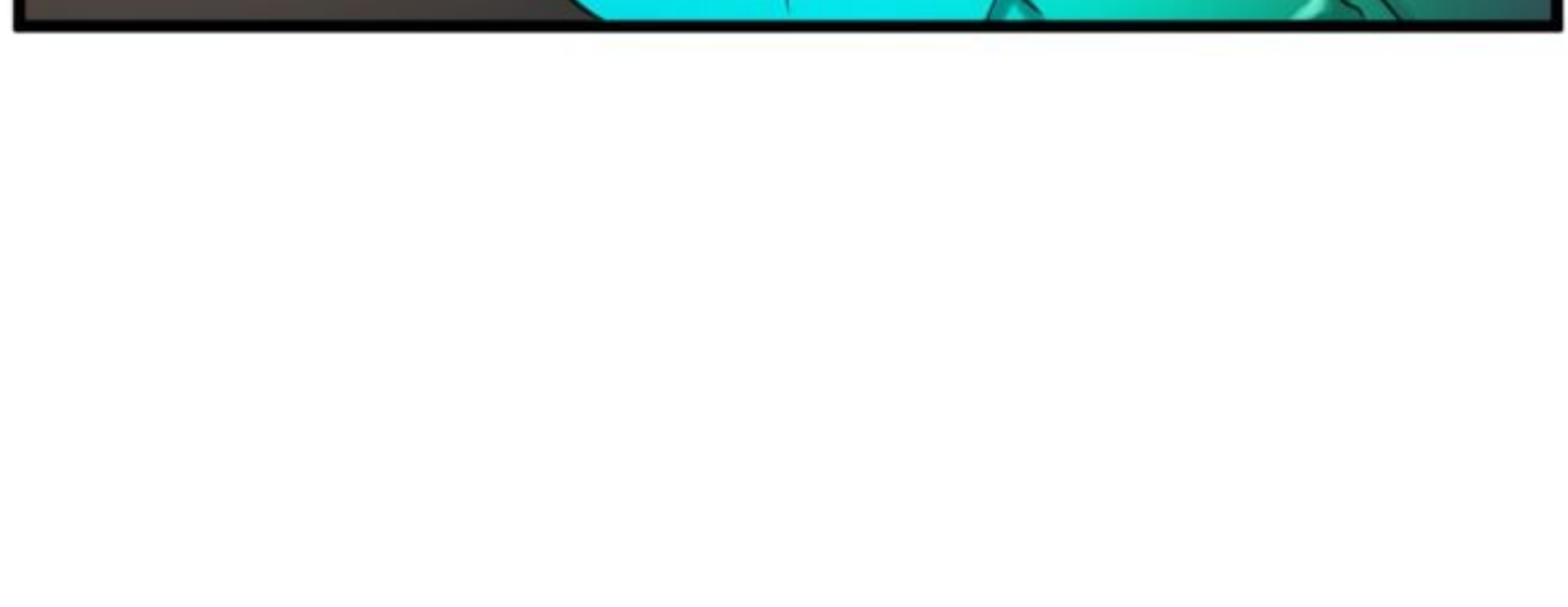
POP!

SHAKE
SHAKE

YAWN~

THE BEGINNING

THE BEGINNING AFTER THE END

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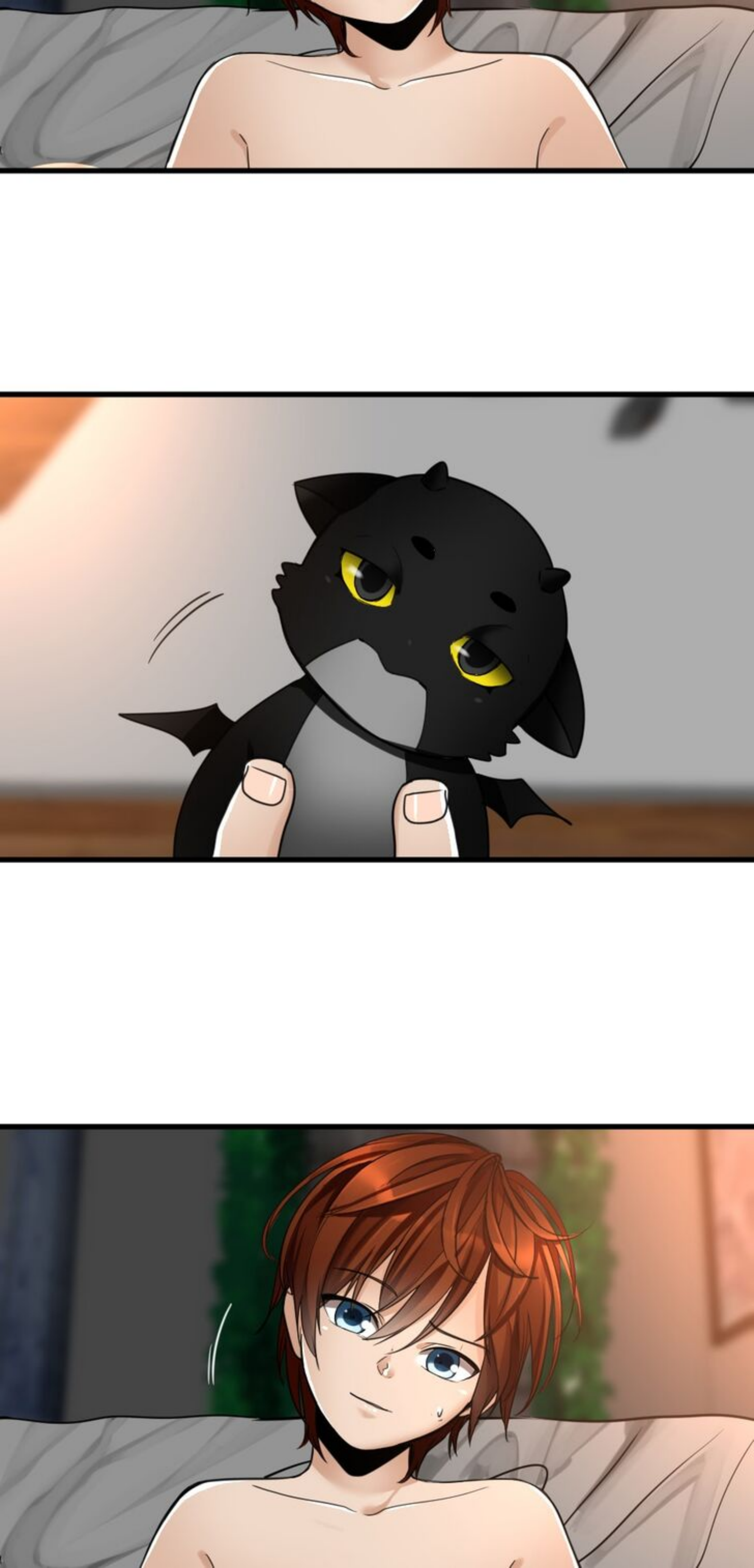
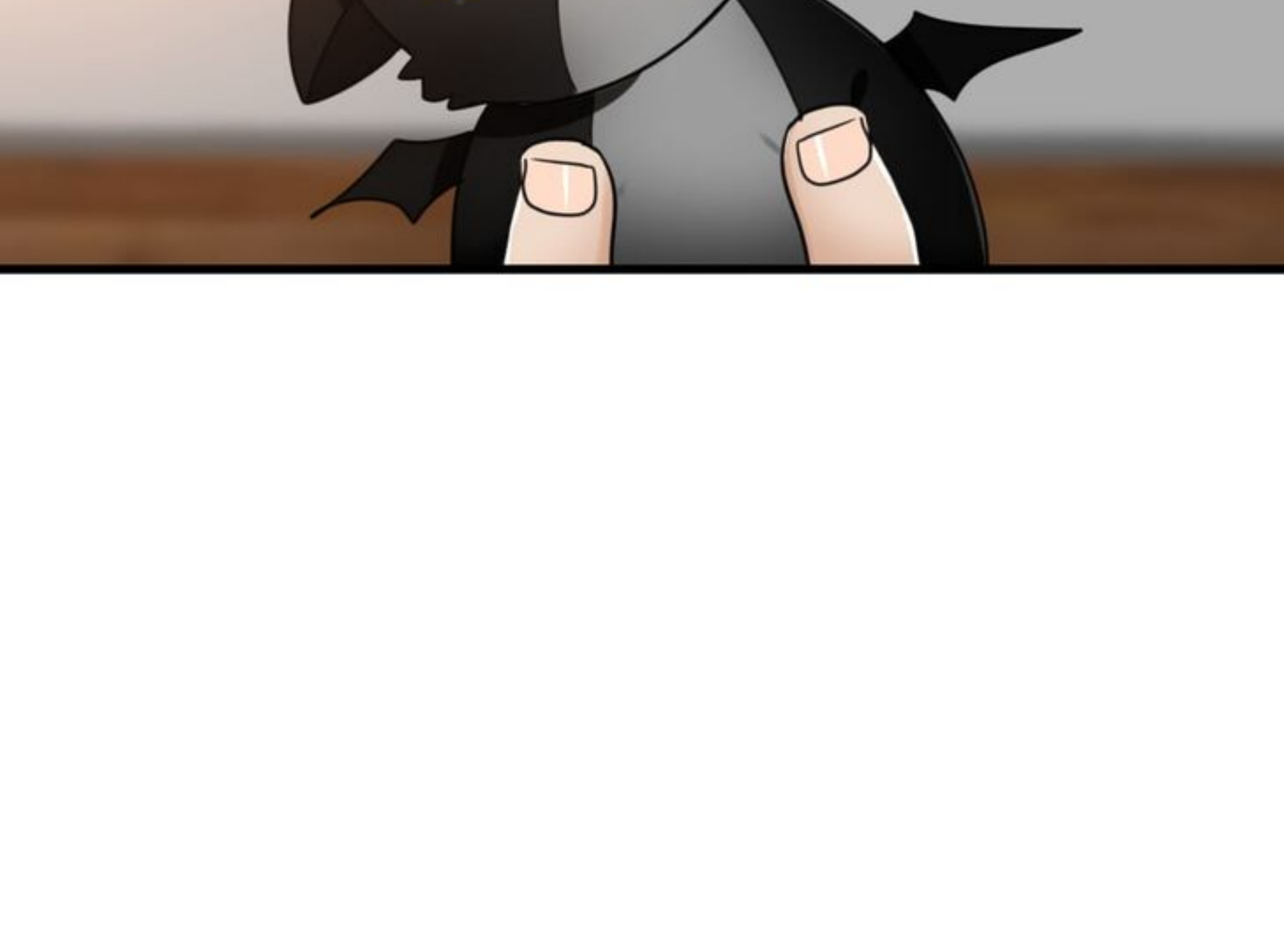
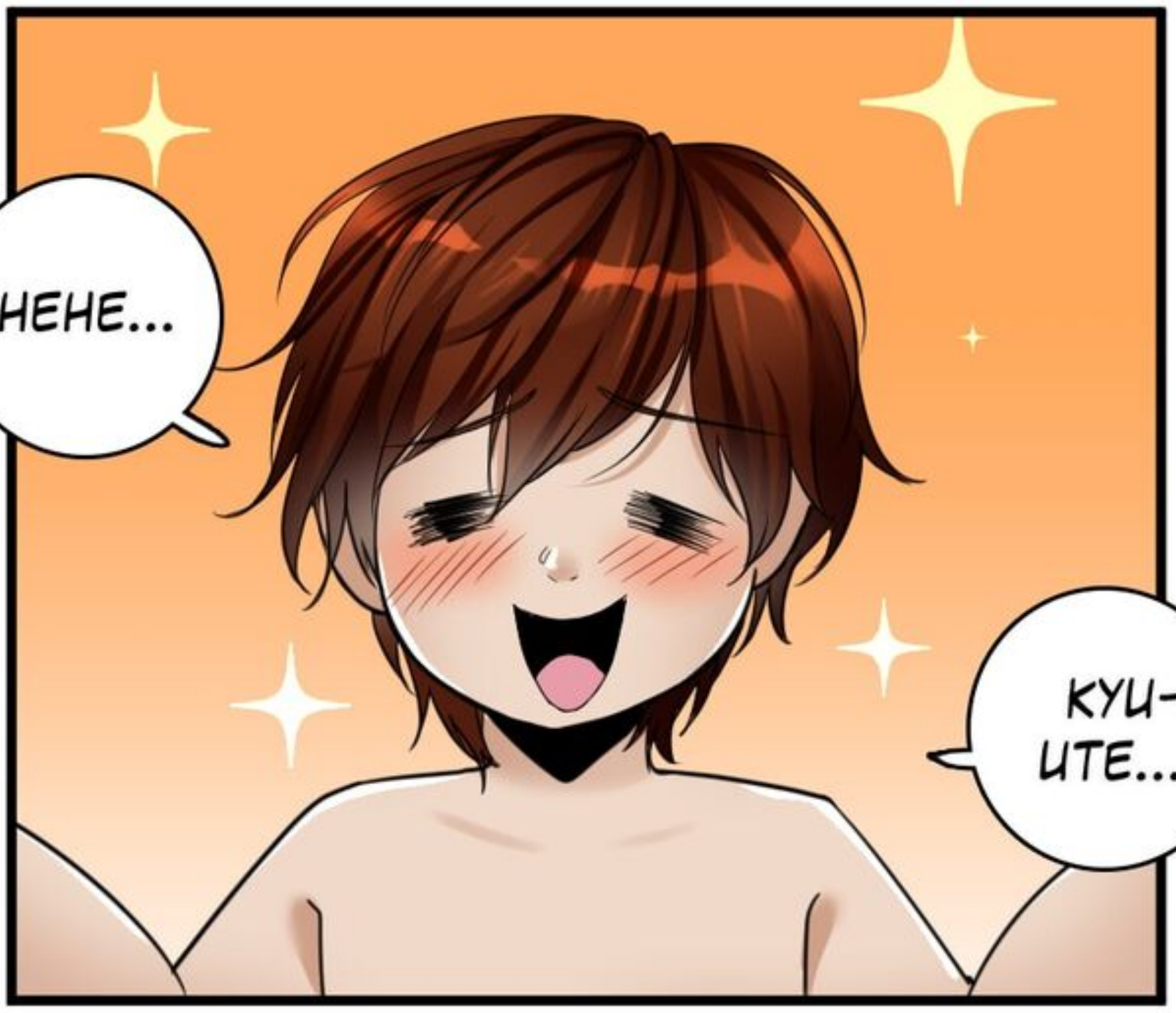




KYU?

YOU'RE A DRAGON... RIGHT?

KYU!


НЕНЕ...
КУЦ-
ИТЕ...

OUCH!

NYA~

SSSHH

KYU!

MAMA!

WHAT THE...

?!

KYU!

MAMA!

WHO?

КУИЦ~
МАМА!
КУИЦ~

HAHA...

SHE CAN TALK INSIDE MY MIND...

KYUU~

AND YOU.

I'M A BOY, SO AT LEAST CALL ME 'PAPA.'

KYU?

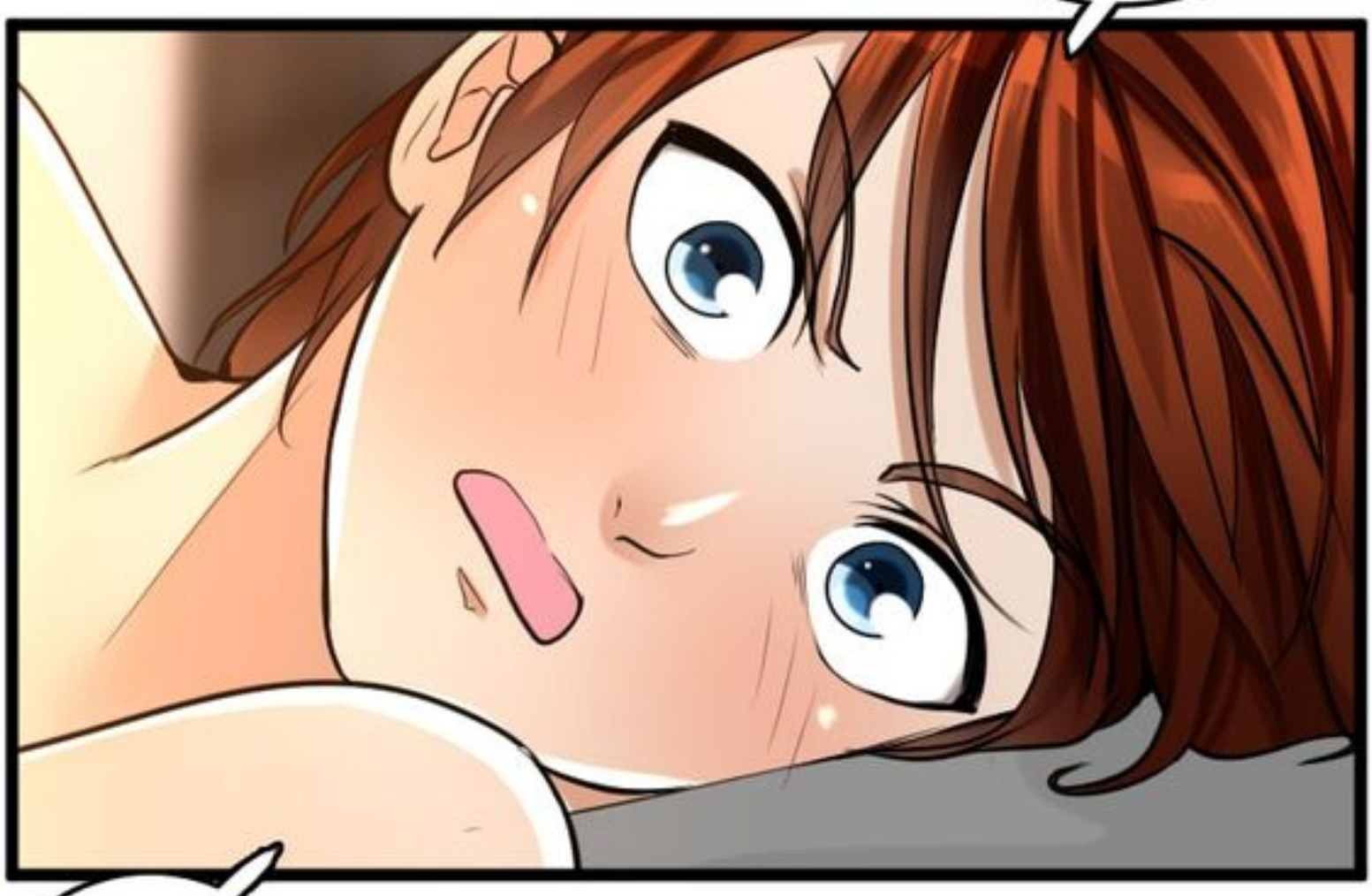
PAPA?

PURR~

I THINK I'LL CALL YOU 'SYLVIE' AFTER YOUR MOTHER.

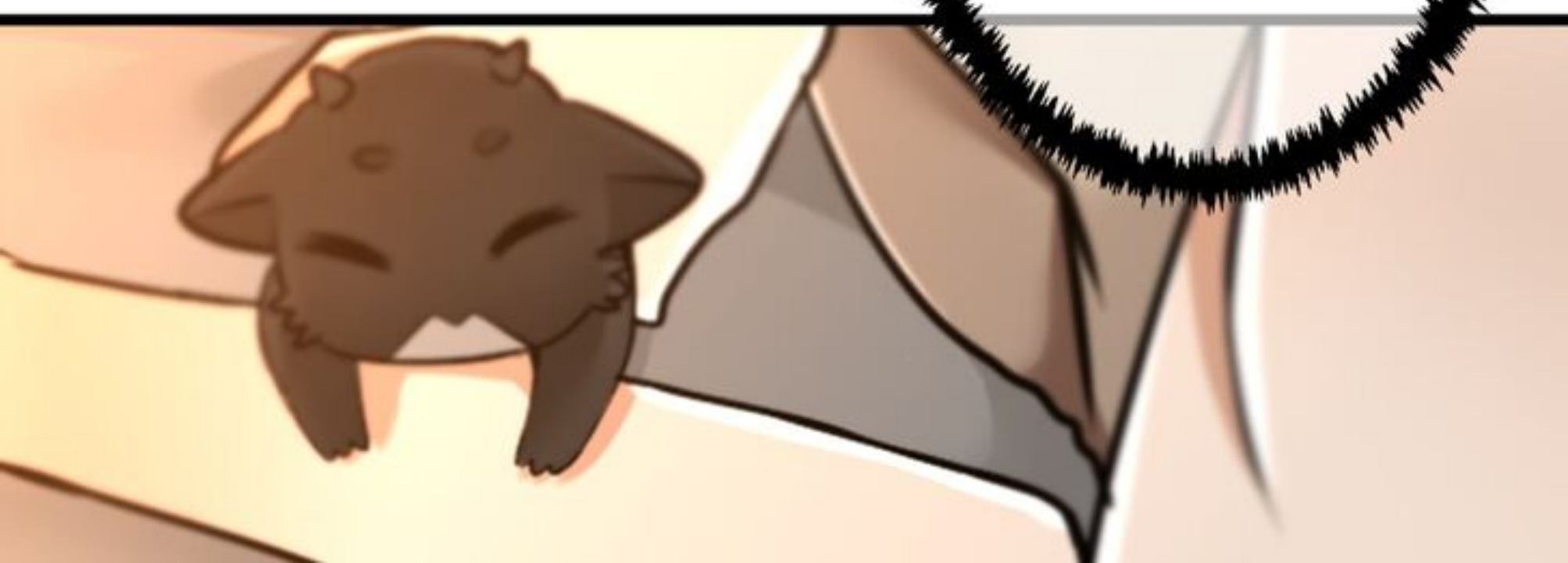
KYU!
(SYEEVY!)
YOU
LIKE THAT,
HUH?

...WAIT
YOU REALLY
DO LIKE IT!



I CAN
FEEL IT!

SEEMS LIKE
THIS MARK ISN'T
AS SIMPLE AS
IT LOOKS.



IT FEELS LIKE THIS THING IS ACTUALLY CONNECTING ME TO THE LITTLE DRAGON.

HEH... EIGHT YEARS OLD AND I HAVE A TATTOO

AND I'M A FATHER.

...I REALLY AM A REBEL.

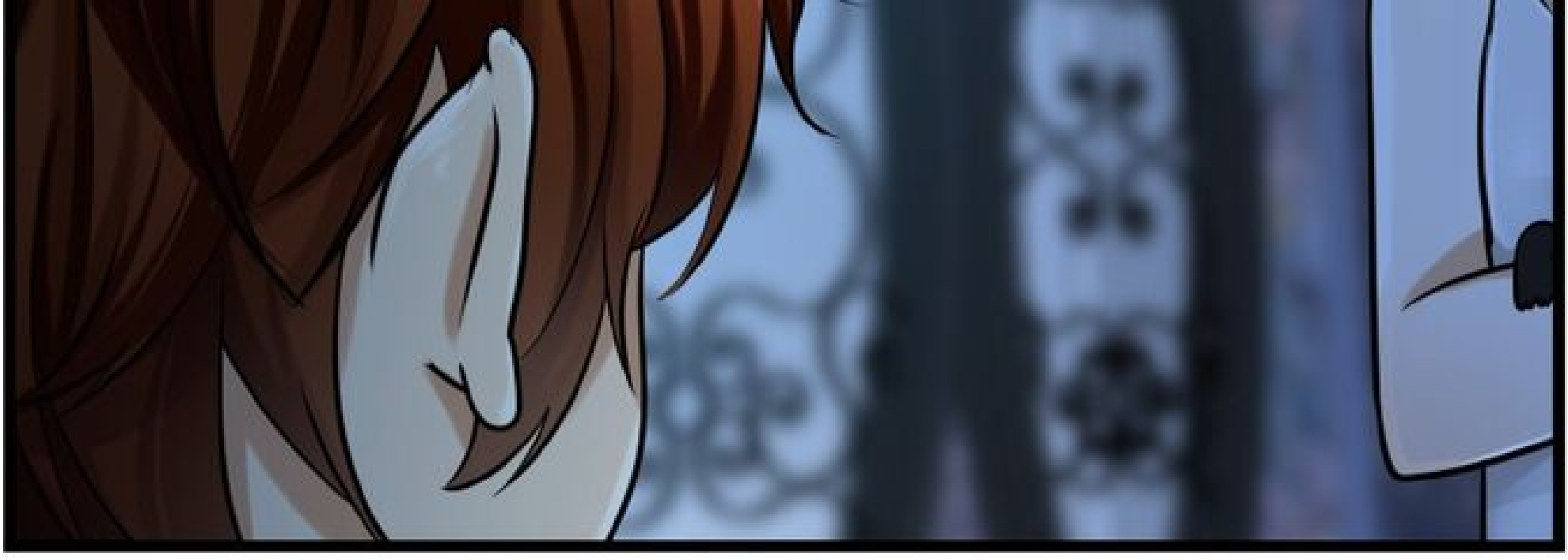
KYYAAAAAA!!!

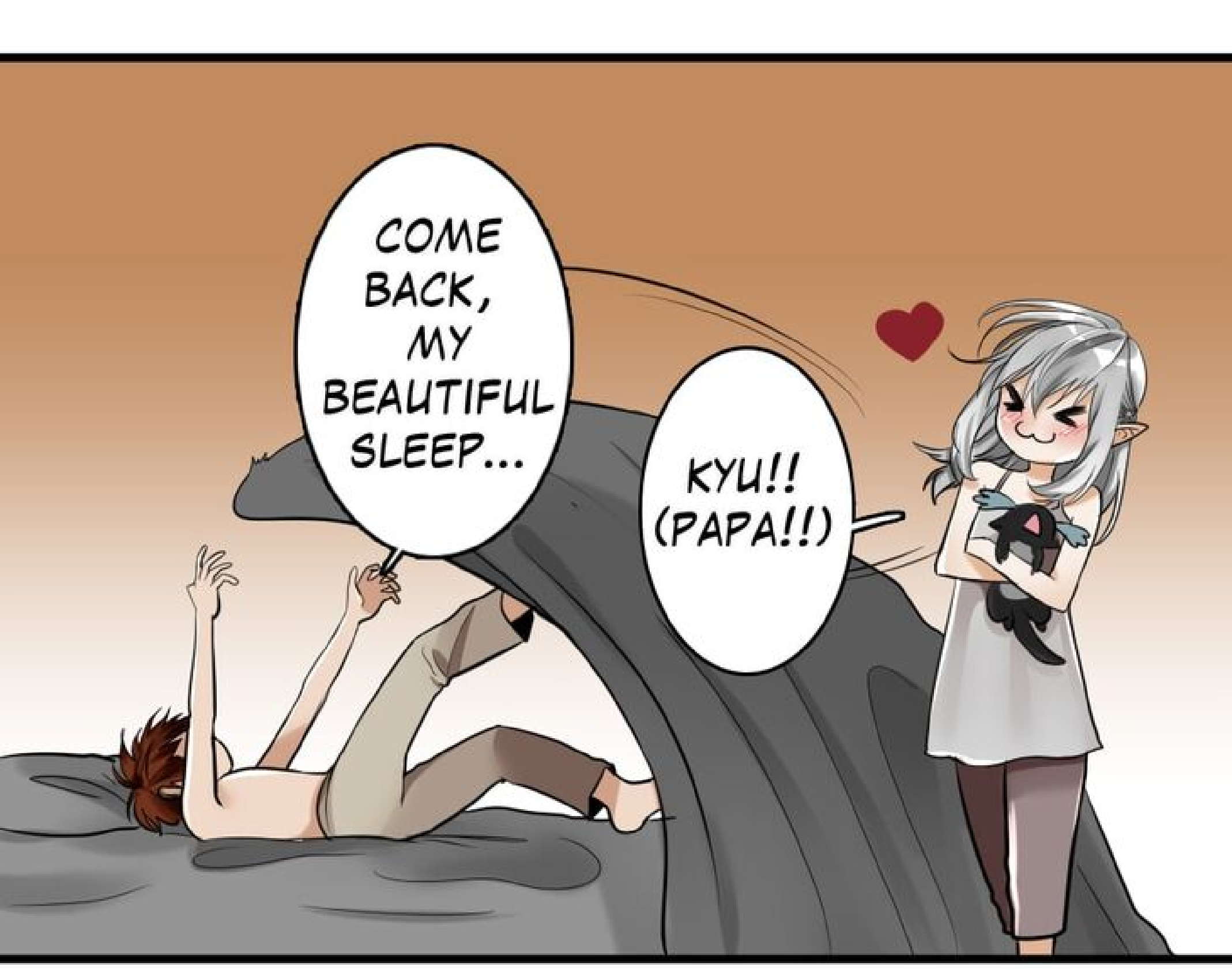
HUH?
WHAT?
WHO'S
THERE?!

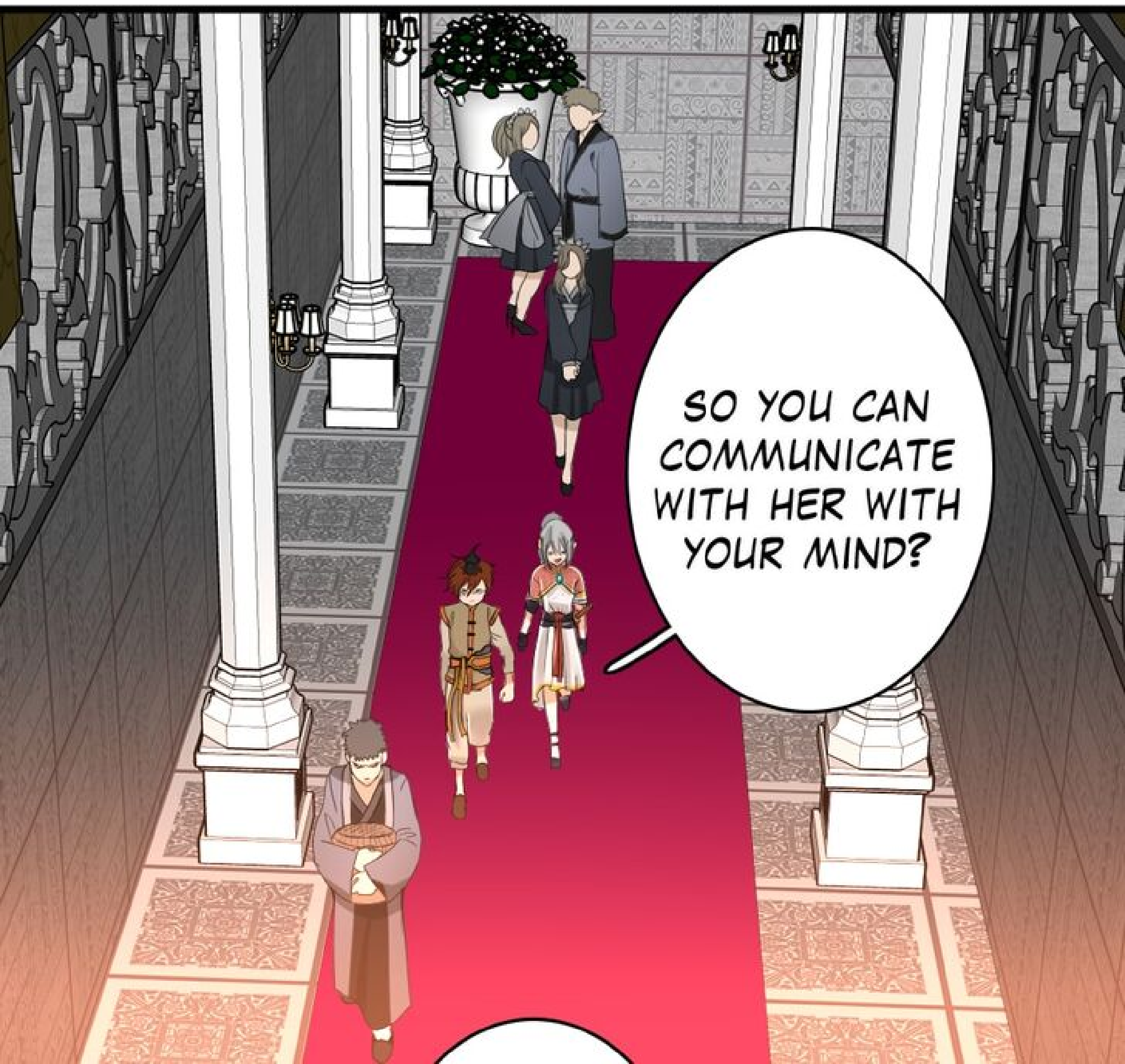
WHO IS THISSS?

PAPA, HALP!

IT'S SO CUTE!

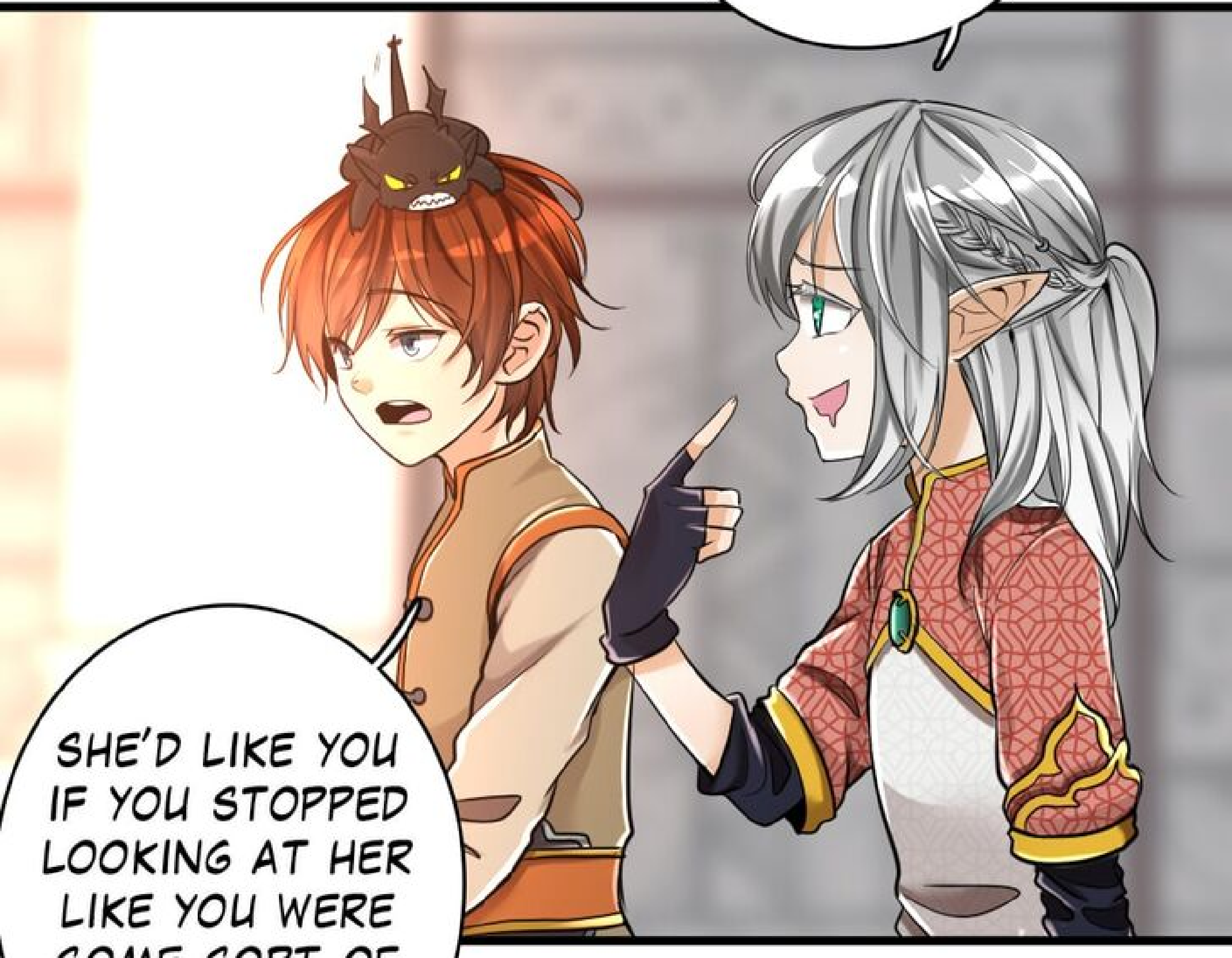



COME BACK, MY BEAUTIFUL SLEEP...
KYU!! (PAPA!!)


SO YOU CAN COMMUNICATE WITH HER WITH YOUR MIND?

YOU'RE SO LUCKY...

MAYBE IF I COULD COMMUNICATE WITH HER, SHE'D LIKE ME TOO...



SHE'D LIKE YOU IF YOU STOPPED LOOKING AT HER LIKE YOU WERE SOME SORT OF PREDATOR.

GRAMPS!

COME SEE ARTHUR'S NEW PET!

B-BRAT...
YOU...!!!
THAT'S
A---!

I'M

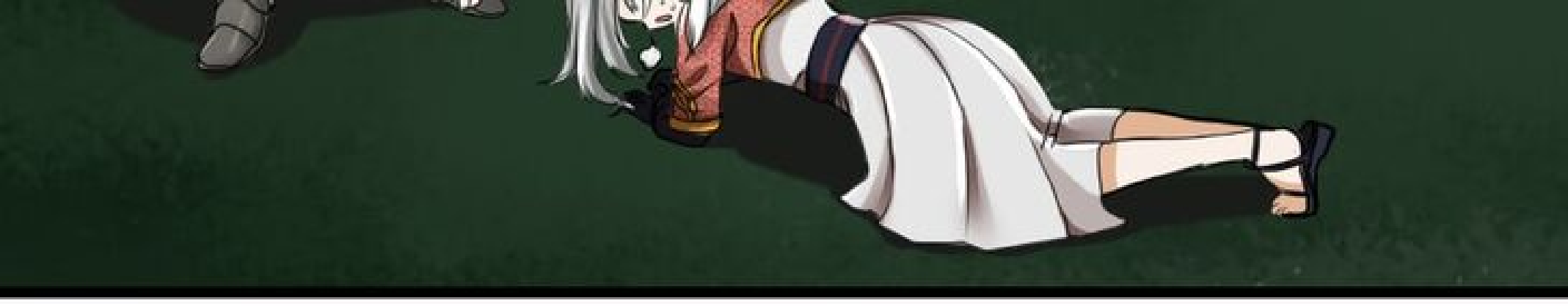
I'M GOING TO DIE EARLY IF I KEEP GETTING SHOCKED LIKE THIS...

AFTER EXPLAINING TO VIRION WHAT HAD HAPPENED AND WHERE SYLVIE HAD COME FROM,

I LEARNED THAT 'BEINGS' LIKE SYLVIE WOULD USUALLY ONLY HATCH IN THE PRESENCE OF THEIR KIN.

WE TRIED TO THINK OF WHY SHE MIGHT'VE HATCHED IN FRONT OF ME,

BUT THE ONLY REASON WE COULD THINK OF WAS THE FACT THAT I HAD FULLY ACTIVATED SYLVIA'S WILL YESTERDAY.



DO YOU THINK I'LL HAVE TO HIDE HER ONCE I GO BACK?

MOST PEOPLE WON'T KNOW THAT SHE IS SUCH A POWERFUL BEING,

SO YOU SHOULD BE OKAY JUST FEIGNING IT OFF AS A RARE MANA BEAST.

PLEASE...

HIIIIISSS!!!

BUT YOU HAVE OTHER THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT.

GRIP

WE'VE HELD BACK ON STRENGTHENING YOUR MANA CORE DURING THE ASSIMILATION,

BUT NOW THAT YOU'VE FULLY AWOKEN,

WE SHOULD GET YOU TO TRAINING BOTH YOUR CORE AND NEW DRAGON WILL.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

SMIRK~

WELL, I FOUND THAT THE BEST WAY TO ACCESS THE FIRST STAGE OF YOUR BEAST WILL,

ON TOP OF STRENGTHENING YOUR MANA CORE,

IS TO CONSTANTLY ENGAGE IN COMBAT.

MAKES SENSE TO ME.

GOOD.

THEN IT'LL ALSO MAKE SENSE THAT FIGHTING A FELLOW BEAST TAMER AS HE USES THESE "STAGES" AGAINST YOU WILL HELP YOU EVEN MORE.

HUH?

ROAAAARR!

FWOOOSH!

FWOOOSH!

NOW...

DOOM

LET'S
FIGHT,
BRAT.